

REMARKS

Claims 13-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 15 and 20-25 are canceled. Claims 13, 14, and 16-19 are amended. Support for the amendments may at least be found in the language of canceled claim 15 and in the Specification on page 5, lines 1-2 and 26-29, page 6, lines 11-15, page 7, lines 22-25. As a result, no new matter is added by any of the amendments to the claims. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 13-19, drawn to a method of sending packets to a multiplicity of subscribers by monitoring the activity at a NACK server, classified in class 709, subclass 220.
- II. Claims 20-24, drawn to a method of sending packets to a multiplicity of subscribers in a multicast subscription system by disturbing the flow of data between sender and subscribers, classified in class 709, subclass 224. .
- III. Claims 25, drawn to a method of sending packets to a multiplicity of subscribers in a multicast subscription system by having packets in a sent queue which were never in a pending queue, classified in class 709, subclass 229.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 13, 14, and 16-19, without traverse. As noted above, claim 15 is canceled from invention I.

Claims 20-25, to non-elected inventions II and III, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully urged that the subject application be reconsidered.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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